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The Death List May Be Larger Than Reported—The Ground Was Literally Tunnelled and the Track Torn Up for a Long Distance—Great Damage Done to Buildings in Tarrytown, N. Y., and Vicinity and the Loss Cannot Be Estimated—The Victims Were Blown to Atoms, and Some Hurled a Long Distance into the River.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., May 20.—Yesterday morning a work train on the Hudson River railway was blown to atoms, one mile and a half below Tarrytown, by an explosion of dynamite in transportation for blasting purposes in track construction. There were probably thirty-three men, including Italian laborers and trainmen, on board. Of these eighteen were instantly killed and fifteen terribly torn and wounded. Many of the dead were blown into the river, and five bodies still remain there unaccounted for. The train was torn to atoms, the railroad tracks ripped from their bed and a great hole many feet deep dug out of the earth, totally blocking traffic on the railroad for many hours. The train was in charge of Conductor Connors, and the gang of men was under Jerome Diston, as boss. The dynamite was all stored on the first of the four flat cars composing the train. It consisted of 24 cases, and each case contained 50 pounds, making a grand total of 1,200 pounds of the terrible explosive. The force of the explosion was terrific. The ground trembled as though from an earthquake, the walls of several Tarrytown houses were shaken and cracked, and in the Tarrytown streets the windows glass fell in showers of sparks. In Tarrytown scores of clocks stopped, and it is in this way that almost the exact hour of the explosion, 11:20, is fixed.

Cause of the Explosion.

A spark from a smoking engine is believed to have caused the explosion. The train was utterly demolished and eye witnesses say the air was filled with splinters and debris, while the bodies of the luckless men were hurled, some of them from a height of 100 feet, in every direction. A terrible light was sent itself to those who hurried to the scene of the awful accident. The ground as far as could be seen was covered with debris, and the train was torn up for a space of 600 feet and the rails were bent into all kinds of shapes. Dead faces and mutilated bodies looked up at one from all directions. The engine was blown out of all semblance of an engine and the tender was blown half way into the river. The flat cars were blown into particles. Then began the awful work of bringing in the dead and wounded. Men were found dead 100 yards away from the track, while others were found in the excavations made by the deadly explosive. The wounded were suffering from most horrible mutilations, in many instances arms and legs being torn off, heads trampled and bodies bleeding. The scene reminded old soldiers of scenes after a bloody battle during the civil war. The dead and injured were conveyed to the Tarrytown depot, where the injured were taken from the river. Three of the injured, conveyed to the depot, died shortly after reaching there. It is believed that there are still two bodies in the river, and the work of recovering the bodies of the dead and the terribly mangled is being hurriedly summoned from all directions.

Picking Up the Mangled Bodies.

The injured were afterwards taken to different hospitals, five of the most severely injured taken to Bellevue hospital in New York. The dead were also conveyed to the depot, but later were removed to Vanderbilt morgue in Tarrytown. Ten of these killed were picked up from the track, while the others were taken from the river. Three of the injured, conveyed to the depot, died shortly after reaching there. It is believed that there are still two bodies in the river, and the work of recovering the bodies of the dead and the terribly mangled is being hurriedly summoned from all directions.

The Killed and Injured.

The killed: John McCarthy, foreman of North Tarrytown; Frank Morrissey, who had charge of the dynamite; of Peckkill; Brakeman John Smith; fifteen Italian names unknown. The injured: George Herriek, engineer; Leo Pau, fireman; of Staatsburg; Conductor Conner; of East Albany; Brakeman, name unknown; Ed Finnegan; of Peckkill; Brakeman, Fisher, of Croton; Michael McCormick; of Staatsburg; Thomas McCormick; of Peckkill; helper, also a dozen or more Italians. The exact number cannot yet be learned as the injured were taken to various hospitals. The scene of the accident is one of the most beautiful points of the banks of the Hudson. The explosion occurred almost directly in front of the handsome residence of Richard Hoe, the printing press manufacturer, while the names of Elliott P. Shepard, and of John Rockefeller are close by. A panic occurred in the high school of Tarrytown among the pupils. The school building was violently shaken and the scholars and teachers thought that an earthquake had occurred. The children ran out of their class room into the street, but fortunately none were injured in the wild rush.

CORONER MITCHELL ON THE SCENE.

Eighteen Lives Lost and Five of the Bodies Still Missing.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., May 20.—Coroner Mitchell, who has been at the scene of the accident all day, reported last night that eighteen lives have been lost and that five of the bodies are still missing. Further investigation, however, will probably place the loss of life at much more than this. At the time of the explosion two men were seen fishing on the river bank near the scene of the accident. They are supposed to have been blown into the river and drowned.

THE WALLA WALLA TRAGEDY.

Investigating the Circumstances of the Lynching of A. J. Hunt.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 20.—The court inquiry, under orders of the state department, has commenced to investigate the circumstances of the lynching of A. J. Hunt, on April 24, by soldiers from Ft. Walla Walla. The court consists of Brig. Gen. Knott, Col. Anderson, First Infantry; Col. Corbin, Fourth Infantry; and Capt. Charles McArthur, acting judge advocate of the department of the Columbia. Sheriff McFarlan swore that on the day of the lynching he called on the commandant of the fort and asked that check rolls of the men be called early in the night. The commandant replied that under his rules he could not call the roll early. The sheriff then stated how he had been stopped on the reservation by fifty soldiers while taking Hunt to the hospital to get the dying statement of Private Miller. Later that night about forty soldiers visited the fort and told the sheriff they must have Hunt in an hour or broke open the doors and shot Hunt to death. The court will continue its session about a week.

EUROPEAN CATTLE.

Secretary Rusk Issues an Order Regarding the Importation of Canadian Cattle.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Under the congressional act of Aug. 30, 1890, sheep and swine imported into the United States from European countries must be held in quarantine for at least fifteen days. It came to the knowledge of the department of agriculture that Canadian cattle imported into the United States through Canada were not subject to quarantine restriction in the Dominion, and yesterday Secretary Rusk issued the following order: "Ordered, that all sheep or swine to be imported from Canada into the United States are hereby made subject to the regulations of the department of agriculture of date of Oct. 13, 1894, and the exception contained in the third and sixth regulations of said date, as applicable to Canadian sheep and swine, is hereby rescinded, and all animals named in said regulations, except those imported from Canada, are subject to the same conditions and requirements as if they were imported into the United States from Great Britain or the continent of Europe."

LAUGHING TO DEATH.

Pleasant Prospect of a Railway Starts a Man on His Jolly Way to the Grave.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—A queer case has just attracted the attention of the doctors here—that of John Doringier, a prosperous farmer of Wrightstown, Bucks County. Doringier is laughing himself thin, and to death, and, in addition, it is believed he is fast losing his reason. Three months ago he weighed 175 pounds, but now he weighs 110 pounds, and is described as the worst. The old adage is laugh and grow fat, but in this case it is laugh and get thin. Recently the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad extended its line through Doringier's farm. He was so delighted that he began to laugh at the prospect of the increase in value of his land. He has been laughing ever since, and the doctors must stop him or he will die.

THE MOUND BUILDERS.

CINCINNATI, O., May 20.—Sixteen graves were uncovered at Fort Ancient, the site of the greatest of the earthworks of that prehistoric people known as the Mound Builders. The skeletons disclosed were those of eleven men, one woman and four children. Five were in a good state of preservation, the others in various stages of decay. The graves opened this morning at the duke's residence. Mother and child are well. The Princess of Wales was present.

NO PAY FOR PREACHERS.

COLUMBUS, O., May 20.—The ministers of Xenia conduct the religious services at the Soldiers' Orphan's home near that city. The board of trustees has refused them \$5 each Sunday for their services. Presumably through an oversight the legislature this year failed to make the usual annual appropriation for this purpose, and the Xenia clergy will be compelled to expend the gospel of free charge to the state's wards the ensuing year.

THE CATHOLIC BAND.

TWIPPS, O., May 20.—Delegates to the number of nearly fifty, representing the Catholic Band, an association composed of the various Catholic associations in the state, met in this city Monday and will continue in session for two days.

SECRETARY BLAINE CONVASCES.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Secretary Blaine is now considered convalescent. His only letter is the one he has just received from his wife, which he is expected to return when he will return to Washington.

CINCINNATI CATTLE MARKET.

CINCINNATI, O., May 19.—Market firm; receipts, 9,000 head; shipments, 1,200 head; common, \$10.00; good to good light, \$10.50; heavy, \$11.00; fat, \$11.50; choice, \$12.00.

CONDENSED CHINA NEWS.

William Hemp, killed his stepson, Curt Knight, full of life, yesterday at Marion. The father is the family butcher, and the mother, and resisted the efforts of Hemp to make him desist. Knight's condition is dangerous.

JOHN L. ILLINOIS, RECEIVED AT THE PENITENTIARY FROM LAWRENCE COUNTY MAY 20, 1890.

The injured: George Herriek, engineer; Leo Pau, fireman; of Staatsburg; Conductor Conner; of East Albany; Brakeman, name unknown; Ed Finnegan; of Peckkill; Brakeman, Fisher, of Croton; Michael McCormick; of Staatsburg; Thomas McCormick; of Peckkill; helper, also a dozen or more Italians. The exact number cannot yet be learned as the injured were taken to various hospitals. The scene of the accident is one of the most beautiful points of the banks of the Hudson. The explosion occurred almost directly in front of the handsome residence of Richard Hoe, the printing press manufacturer, while the names of Elliott P. Shepard, and of John Rockefeller are close by. A panic occurred in the high school of Tarrytown among the pupils. The school building was violently shaken and the scholars and teachers thought that an earthquake had occurred. The children ran out of their class room into the street, but fortunately none were injured in the wild rush.

POPE LEO'S STOOL.

ITS NEXT OCCUPANT NAMED—A SERIES OF PREDICTIONS.

Cardinal Zigllara Destined to be the New Pope—Burning Fire the Prophetic Words Which Apply to Him—The French Chamber of Deputies Debating the Taitiff—Other Foreign News.

ROME, May 19.—At the Vatican, and in fact, throughout the upper circles of the ecclesiastical world, Cardinal Zigllara is regarded as the prelate who is destined to succeed Leo XIII. as pope. The principal foundation for this belief is an ancient prophecy which has never been known until now to fail. It is attributed to an Irish archbishop of the name of Malachi, who lived in the eleventh century. His prediction took the form of a number of Latin notes to designate the proper sequence of occupants of the papal stool. Thus the motto predicted for the two hundred and fifty-seventh pontiff, who happened to be Pius VI., was "Peregrinus Apostolicus," which, in view of the

Numerous Voyages and Exiles of that pope, turned out to be singularly appropriate. The motto "Aquila Rapax" was assigned to the two hundred and fifty-eighth pope, and as the latter was Pius VIII., the prophecy received fulfillment by the robbery of his temporal possessions by Emperor Napoleon I., whose emblem was the eagle. The prediction for the two hundred and sixty-second pope, Pius IX., was "Cruz de Cruce," which was borne out by the persecution and troubles to which he was subjected throughout his long pontificate. The prophecy for his successor was "Lumen in Codo," which may be

Regarded as Accomplished by the fact that a comet figures in the last of the predictions for the next pope, Leo XIII. The prediction for the next pope is "Lumen in Codo" (burning fire). Now, the sole member of the sacred college to whom this appears applicable is Cardinal Zigllara, the only prelate of the Roman Catholic clergy who is a member of the Dominican. The armorial bearings of the latter consist of a dog holding in its mouth a flaming torch, and it is in consequence of this that the Dominican has been regarded by the Roman Catholic clergy as the predestined successor to Leo XIII.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

Has Made Little Advance in Considering the Tariff.

PARIS, May 19.—Although the chamber of deputies has debated the tariff for a fortnight, the measure practically has not advanced a step. The house is tired of the whole business before the real business part of the discussion on the articles of the tariff has begun. So much time has been wasted that it will be impossible to deal with details this session unless they are rushed through, in which event the government bill will be preferred to the increased tariffs proposed by the committee. In spite of the appeals of the free traders a reduction of the government proposals is out of the question.

Condition of the Tin Plate Trade.

LONDON, May 19.—Interviews have been obtained with a number of Welsh tin plate makers in regard to the impending stoppage of production during July. They declare that the effect of the duty on tin plate is to keep the tin plate makers overstocked at present and the supply on hand is sufficient to meet all demands for a long time to come.

A Little Fitter.

LONDON, May 19.—The Duchess of Fife, daughter of the Prince of Wales, was delivered of a daughter on Sunday morning at the duke's residence. Mother and child are well. The Princess of Wales was present.

Russia's Big Contract for Rifles.

PARIS, May 19.—Russia has contracted with the Chatelet-Braut factory for 3,000,000 rifles. By the terms of the contract, the entire plant, with its employees, is placed at the disposal of Russia.

Cloudburst of Hall at Salina, Kan.

SALINA, Kan., May 19.—A tremendous cloudburst of hail occurred about four miles west of Salina, Kan., on Sunday morning. The hail was as large as hen's eggs and almost completely destroyed the wheat. One farmer lost 350 acres and another 200. The total damage will reach \$50,000.

Objects to Jury Service.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Anthony J. Drexl, Jr., son of the banker, A. J. Drexl, and a member of the international firm, has followed Jay Gould's example, and yesterday failed to appear for jury duty in the federal district court, where his name as a grand juror was called. The judge was very angry and ordered United States Marshal Leeds to bring Mr. Drexl in court.

Unbearable Immigrants.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Up to this time, since April 1, about 100 undesirable immigrants have been deported by the inspectors at this port. The number is not large, but it is large enough to serve as a warning to all steamship companies to be careful about bringing over passengers whom they will be compelled to take back.

The Old Log Cabin Won't Go.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—Gen. Grant's old log cabin, which was expected to be transferred to that exhibition, Mr. E. A. Joy, of Old Orchard, Mo., has purchased the relic for the sum of \$5,000, and it is said, will not permit it to leave this city.

Struck by Lightning.

HELENA, Mont., May 19.—While out driving with his wife and child, County Assessor George Walker was struck and seriously injured by a bolt of lightning from a clear sky. His horse and a cow, fifteen feet away, dropped dead, but Mrs. Walker and child were uninjured.

The Charleston Off Again.

CITY OF MEXICO, VIA TOLUQUE, TEX., May 19.—The United States steamship Charleston has departed from the harbor of Acapulco in a southerly direction. The opinion is general that the Mexican government will allow the Esmeralda a small amount of fuel.

DR. GRAVES ARRESTED.

Probably an Indictment Against Mrs. Graves Will Be Found.

DENVER, Colo., May 19.—Dr. Graves was arrested yesterday and taken to the county jail, where he will spend at least one night. He will have a hearing, when the question as to whether he will be admitted to bail or not will be decided. The sensational doctor, who was previously spoken of did not materialize, but it is said upon good authority that Miss Sallie Hanley has also been indicted. It was thought that an indictment against Mrs. Graves had been found, and that said that such was the case. But the grand jury, acting on the advice of District Attorney Stevens, reconsidered their action, not having evidence enough to warrant it. This theory is that Mrs. Graves wrote the label on the bottle sent to Mrs. Barnaby, while Miss Hanley carried it to Boston and mailed it there. Detective Hanson, who has had charge of the case at Providence, went east to secure further evidence.

Travelling the Dakotas.

ATKINSON, S. D., May 19.—Col. S. M. Johnston, chief engineer of irrigation in the department of agriculture, has arrived in Aberdeen in company with B. S. Larranga of Greeley, Colo., and W. W. Falset of Denver. The gentlemen are practical engineers and have been sent to the Dakotas to operate the arid lands with the experimental station of the Beard farm, east of the city. The government pays their salaries and the people here furnish the land, seed, etc. They were greatly pleased with the situation and have no doubt of the success of irrigation in the two Dakotas.

Through Johnson's Flood.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., May 19.—Two curious old books, which have both gone through the flood, are in possession of Edward Miller, near Johnstown, Pa. The one is "Travels of Jonathan Carver," printed in 1776. Catharine Heidebrand Burkhart, of this place, was the owner. She was the oldest child of a family of 11, born in Johnstown in the year 1804. Mrs. Burkhart lost her life in the flood, and the book came into the possession of her daughter, Mrs. Miller. The other is a Catholic prayer book, printed in German in the year 1780, and is a good piece of preservation.

Butler's Client Must Serve Her Sentence.

BOSTON, May 19.—Gen. B. F. Butler's new favorite, Mrs. Charles Johnson, was again before Judge J. Nolen in the United States district court yesterday. She was recently released from the reformatory on a writ of personal release, and was again taken into custody again. She was yesterday remanded to the institution from which she was released to serve out her sentence. No counsel appeared for her.

Texas Crops Annihilated.

ST. WORTH, Tex., May 19.—Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of crops were annihilated by a heavy hail storm Sunday night, which fell a deluge from six to eight inches, in a narrow belt of territory crossing Northern Texas. In the vicinity of Gainesville, where wheat was ready for the reaper, the crop was completely destroyed. In the locality of Gainesville is at least \$100,000, while several other sections report damage nearly as great.

MAKE GOOD EXPENSES.

The North American Company Will Be Satisfied With 7,000 Seals.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The hitch in the proposed agreement between the United States and Great Britain to prevent the slaughtering of seals is due to the failure of Lord Salisbury to reply to Mr. Blaine's last request, asking him to agree that the North American Commercial company be allowed to kill from 6,000 to 7,000 seals this year in order that it might be able to draw votes out of the party which will have delegates in the convention. The company, which holds a twenty-year's monopoly in regard to the fur seal, offered to accept the edict if it could have this privilege, and the United States authorities deem the proposition a fair one. Representatives of the company say they will do nothing to embarrass the government.

Capt. Harrison Gets a Silver Medal.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Secretary Foster has awarded a silver medal to Corporal Castles Harrison, Troop D, Fifth United States Cavalry, in recognition of his bravery on Nov. 23, 1890, in rescuing from drowning while crossing the Red River, the life of Capt. Schuyler, of the Fifth Cavalry, and Mrs. E. D. Thomas and Miss Nettie Thomas, wife and daughter of Capt. Thomas, of the Fifth Cavalry. Secretary Foster declares his conduct deserves "unqualified commendation."

Grand Historical Picture for the Big Fair.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The Mexican picture that President Viala has ordered to be painted for the World's Columbian exposition, the most interesting scene in Mexican history, the act of Gen. Nicolas Bravo giving amnesty to 800 Spanish soldiers instead of executing them in reprisal for the murder of his illustrious father.

Will Appoint Five Land Judges.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—It is understood that President Harrison will appoint five land court judges provided for by the last congress. The president has offered one of the judgeships, it is said, to Judge Groff, ex-commissioner of the general land office.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

A colored woman named Harriett Emmett died at Cincinnati Saturday, aged 120 years.

While drunk Alex Newman of Hawkinsville, Ga., drove into a mill pond and three of his children were drowned.

A. D. Queal, a defaulter of Kansas City, who mysteriously disappeared over a year ago, committed suicide in London.

It is thought ex-Congressman Craig of Jefferson county, Pa., may be appointed to succeed Judge Schofield in the court of claims.

The steamship Faust Bismarck made her first trip from Southampton to New York in 6 days, 14 hours and 15 minutes, surpassing all previous records.

Mrs. Emma N. Tiffany, wife of a son of the famous New York jeweler, has brought suit for divorce. Her husband left her eleven days after their marriage.

THE INDUSTRIAL ARMY.

GRANGER AND LABOR REPRESENTATIVES READY FOR BUSINESS.

Views of the Probable Work of the Convention—The Rock on Which They May Split—A Large Delegation from Kansas—The Third Party Movement—Every Delegate is in Earnest.

CINCINNATI, O., May 19.—Whether the representatives of the granger and labor organizations that are gathered here are to bring into existence a third political party or whether definite action is to be postponed until next spring, when the policies of the two old parties shall have been more fully developed, are issues that will have to be fought out on the floor of the convention when it assembles to-day. There is no question but that the third party men are running things to suit themselves. The Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and several other delegations, however, did not get here until this morning, and while they are counted upon to support the third party movement, the advocates of the latter are averse to counting their chickens before they are hatched. "As goes Kansas so will go the convention" has been a popular expression ever since the first contingent of delegates put in an appearance, and the representatives of the grasshopper state, after a caucus that lasted several hours, decided to support the organization of a third party through thick and thin. The caucus was marked by several decidedly lively expressions of opinion, especially when Congressman Simpson and Clover endeavored to convince the assembly that discretion is the better part of valor and that it would be better to adopt a platform containing a few essential doctrines, and then adjourn until next spring, then to determine whether there was hope and strength enough in the granger-labor element to warrant the formal baptism of a third party and the placing of an independent presidential ticket in the field.

Some Pretty Plain Talk.

The enunciation of these views was received with a howl of disapprobation that had the effect of cutting an effectual quietus on the two newly fledged representatives, and the third party resolution went through without a dissenting voice. The decided stand that has been taken by the representatives of industrial movements, in contradistinction to the granger element, was largely responsible for this result. At the general caucus of representatives of most of the organizations that will have delegates in the convention some pretty plain talk was indulged in by President Washburn, of the Northwestern Industrial alliance, and who voiced the ideas of the labor elements by the report of a caucus of the agriculturalists. He told the caucus that the industrial element did not propose to be used as catpaws to aid Democratic success in the next election. If a third party was to draw votes out of the agricultural states while at the same time the industrial states were to be the only ones to support it, the industrial element would have to come in as well as the northern ones. The industrial elements of the east, west and northwest were neither willing nor desirous to draw votes out of the agricultural states while at the same time the industrial states were to be the only ones to support it, the industrial element would have to come in as well as the northern ones.

More Solid Than Ever.

Other speakers laid stress upon the fact that the eastern people's movement from that of the grangers, inasmuch as its organization was modeled after those of the old political parties and recognized neither party as a grip or a paw-word. All this humbug, it was contended, would have to be abolished if all parties coalesced on a general platform. Mason Greene, of Boston, the personal representative of Edward Bellamy and his theories, Brown E. Gerry, the national leader of the Christian Socialists, and Rev. W. D. Bliss, also argued on the same line, and the Kansas men, who had done all the listening, then went back and pledged themselves to the record. There has been no conference of the strictly southern delegates, but in conversation they express the opinion that it would be unwise to endorse independent political action, so long as there was a possibility that they would be able to get relief on the most important economy questions through older parties.

Ignatius Donnelly Talks.

Ignatius Donnelly, referring to the announced withdrawal of his delegation from his own appointment is to be contested by a delegation named by the state committee of the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance, says that the state committee had no power in the premises and that he has no fear that the convention will expel either himself or his followers. There is a general sentiment that the convention will be too large and decidedly unmanageable, and that, if all these various shades of opinion and radical notions are afforded an opportunity of being aired, the affair is likely to break up in an uproar. Charles Cunningham, for many years chairman of the Democratic state central committee of Arkansas, and candidate for vice president on the Union Labor ticket in 1888, will be the temporary chairman. Speaker Elder, of Kansas, having declined the honor, the selection of permanent chairman will be left to the convention, which will assemble at 2 o'clock. Over one hundred notices of resolutions that as many delegates propose to submit have been filed with Rev. E. P. Foster, who will be the principal secretary.

One of the Important Meetings Connected with the Conference is what is known as the Reform Press association, composed of the papers which advocate the promulgation of the doctrine laid in the platform of the alliance, Knights of Labor and Nationalists. There are about 100 of these editors here from all parts of the country and they had two interesting sessions. Dr. C. W. Macman, editor of The Non-Comformist, the national organ of the Farmers' alliance, and president of the association, presided, with W. S. Morgan, of The National Reformer, as secretary.

The Massachusetts Legislature.

BOSTON, May 19.—The Republican members of the legislature held a caucus yesterday afternoon behind closed doors for the purpose of discussing the congressional redistricting bill. A long session of the measure was had, and it was finally decided to appoint a committee of five to confer with the Republican members of the redistricting committee to see if a better and more acceptable bill cannot be drafted.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

A White Man Turns Black—The Causes.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Henry Welch, a white man, whose skin had turned black and whose case had been watched with the greatest interest by physicians at the Presbyterian hospital, where he had been since May 6, died at that institution Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. One of the house physicians had just spoken to him and had been answered in a perfectly rational manner, without any evidence of impending death. Half a minute later the doctor glanced at Welch and found that he was dead. Welch's case is one of the most remarkable on record. About the first of the present year Welch began to have severe intermittent pains in his stomach, and several physicians to whom he applied could give him no relief. Then he became languid and to assume a bilious look. In January his skin turned yellow, as though from jaundice. This continued until Welch might easily have been taken for a quagmire. Six weeks later he had the appearance of a mummy. His case was diagnosed as hypertrophic cirrhosis or liver disease. He entered the hospital May 6, and after that continued to grow darker in color. When he died yesterday his entire skin was black.

In Welch's case the physicians say the gall stones became lodged in the duct, and the bile not being able to flow through the duct was forced through the system, producing jaundice, and changing the color of the skin to yellow. The physicians believe that in the present instance the disease had become abnormally severe in its development through long standing. There are but two similar cases in the hospital's records. Both ended fatally.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Senators Vote to Cut the Legislative Sessions Short.

HARRISBURG, May 19.—The Republican senators held a short and secret caucus last night. Only Senators Mylan and Robbins were present. A committee consisting of Senators Gohin, Showalter, Williamson, Critchfield, Flinn, Packer and Harlan was appointed to confer with the Republican members of the elections committee regarding the preparation and reporting of a suitable platform for the coming session. The caucus was held in the senate chamber, and the committee was to report to the caucus. Senator Packer absolutely refused to serve on the committee and would give no reason for doing so. The caucus also decided to agree to a resolution to adjourn May 28. This action was taken, it is understood, to prevent the house from putting the senate in the hole.

Subsequently the adjournment question caused a lively debate in the senate. When a motion was made to concur in the resolution to adjourn May 28 the Democrats fought it on the ground that the legislature should stay in session until bills for ballot reform and tax equalization be passed.

The Motion to Concur in the House Resolution to Adjourn May 28 was finally adopted by a vote of 28 yeas to 16 nays.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

To Unite the Commercial Interests of the Western States and Territories.

DENVER, Colo., May 19.—The Trans-Mississippi congress will meet at the Fifth Street theatre to-day. It is expected that over 1,000 delegates have arrived, together with many visitors. The object of the congress is to unite the interest of the states and territories west of the Mississippi river for the promotion of agricultural, commercial and industrial interests. Among the questions to be discussed will be: Legislation affecting commerce, transportation and finance, improvement of waterways, lake, gulf and Pacific coast, and for western products, promotion of agriculture, and reclamation of arid lands, western mineral lands and their development, cause and extension of business combinations and their uses, reciprocity and free trade, the opening of Indian lands and such other subjects as may be worthy of consideration.

A COMMUNION VEIL AFIRE.

Prompt Action of a Priest Averts a Panic Among the congregation.

DETROIT, O., May 19.—A panic was narrowly averted at St. John's Catholic church Sunday. A class of thirty-nine was receiving its first communion and the church was packed. Suddenly there was a flash of light, and it was discovered that the veil of Miss Clara Eminger, who was kneeling in prayer, had caught fire, and for a moment it looked as if the congregation would make a wild rush for the door, but the coolness of Father Jung and some of his parishioners averted the disaster. The fire was promptly extinguished, and Miss Eminger was confirmed with the rest of the class.

CONVERSION OF THE STANDARD.

The Big Oil Company Will Hereafter Keep the Sabbath Day Holy.

FINDLAY, O., May 19.—The Standard Oil company will pump no wells on Sunday. It wells throughout the Ohio oil field were all shut down Saturday night and continued closed until Monday morning, thus giving employees one day in seven of the needed rest and setting an example of Sunday observance which may be followed generally in the oil field.

Six Years in Jail for Debt.

DOVER, Vt., May 19.—William Worcester was released from jail Saturday night after having been incarcerated six years for debt. The creditors finally tired of paying his board, and he came out of jail an old and homeless man.

The Oldest G. A. R. Veteran Dead.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 18.—Peter J. Peters, aged 91, popularly supposed to be the oldest grand army veteran in the country, died here yesterday.

Ex-President Cleveland's Summer Home.

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., May 19.—Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland will make Tudor Haven their principal place of residence during the coming summer, and to the disappointment of Marion residents, who have been hoping that they would again spend the season there. The decision of the Clevelands to reside on this side of the bay is the result of Mrs. Cleveland's recent visit to Tudor Haven, when she expressed her desire as well pleased with her new home.

DARK FOR THE COKERS.

THERE IS LITTLE TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN THE OUTLOOK.

They May Vote to Continue the Strike—Verdict of the Jury in the Riot Cases at Morewood—More Trouble Anticipated Among the Miners at Seattle—1,000 Carpet Weavers Out.

SCOTTDALE, Pa., May 19.—Two carloads of new men passed through here last evening for the Valley works. At no time